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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 948

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former State Senator
John T. Hicks.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were deeply saddened to learn of the death of their friend and former colleague, Senator John T. Hicks; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, the citizens of House District 60 in Davidson County expressed their confidence in John Hicks when they elected him to serve as their state representative; for ten years he served with absolute probity, professionalism and integrity as a member of the House, and distinguished himself as a public servant of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hicks began his illustrious 16-year career as a member of the Senate in 1977, representing the 20th District; and

WHEREAS, he was a dedicated legislator, serving as Chairman of the Government Operations Committee and the Fiscal Review Committee, in which positions he was greatly relied upon for his leadership and foresight; and

WHEREAS, John Hicks was a strong supporter of this state's senior citizens and demonstrated his commitment by chairing a study committee on Alzheimer's disease, in addition to his membership on the Tennessee Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, John also contributed his talents to benefit his beloved community by means of his adroit service as a member of the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America, McKendree Manor, Donelson Hospital, the Nashville Electric Service Board, and the Tennessee Association of Public Accountants, which he astutely served as President; and

WHEREAS, John Hicks established himself as a valued member of the legislature by adhering to the time-honored principles of honesty, integrity and dedication, and by speaking his mind about issues he believed were of paramount concern to the good people of his district; and

WHEREAS, John evinced his active and devout religious faith as a member of the Donelson Heights Methodist Church, where he attended for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, he will be deeply missed by his loving wife of more than 50 years, Peggy Tomlin Hicks; their daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Terry Baskin; their son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Mary Hicks; and their five special grandchildren, Kristan, Jamie, Lauren, Jay and Tracy; and

WHEREAS, his friendship and legacy of astute public service to the people of this great state will not soon be forgotten; John was a man of great integrity and moral conviction, and he will be dearly missed by the countless persons whose lives he has affected; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of former State Senator John Hicks, reflecting proudly on his distinguished life as a public servant and dedicated family man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the family of Senator Hicks with this final clause omitted from such copy.